



Com' Concil' tent' in Camera Guibald Civitat' London' Die Veneris Septimo die Junij Anno Dom' 1700 Annoq; Regni Regis Willielmi Tertij Angl' &c. Duodecimo. Coram Ricardo Levett Mil, Major Civitat' præd', Johanne Moore Mil, Thoma Stamp Mil, Thoma Lane Mil, Johanne Houblon Mil, Edvardo Clark Mil, Humphrido Edwin Mil, ac ejusd Civitat' Aldermannis, Salathiel Lovel Mil, Servien ad legem ac Recordat' dict' Civitat', Johanne Parsons Mil, Wil' Gore Mil, Jacobo Houblon Mil, & Thoma Rawlinson Mil, ac ejusd Civit. Aldermannis & Carolo Duncombe Mil, Aldro ac un' Vic' Dictæ Civitat', nec non majori parte Communitar' in eodem Communi Concil' tunc & ibidem assenblat'.

IT is Ordered, That the Act of Common Council made in the Mayoralty of Sir Robert Duce Knight and Baronet, relating to the Choice, Election and Confirmation of Sheriffs for this City and County of *Middlesex*: As also another Act in the time of the Mayoralty of Sir William Ashurst Knight, which Repeals Two Clauses in Two Acts of Common Council made in the several Mayoralties of the said Sir Robert Duce, and Sir William Fritchard Knight: touching such Choice, Election and Confirmation, be Printed together, and that each Deputy and Common Council-man of the several Wards of this City have one of the said Books when Printed

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Commune Concilium tenet in Camera Guibald Civitat
 L O N D O N, vicesimo die Julii, Annoque Regni Dom
 nostri C A R O L I nunc Regis Anglie, &c. Septimo,
 Coram Roberto Duce, Mil' & Baronet Majore Civitat
 London, Thoma Middleton, Mil' & Aldermanno Civitat
 London, Nicholao Rainton, Radolpho Freeman, Thoma
 Moulston, Rowlando Haylin, Roberto Parkhurst, Johan
 Poole, Chr. Cletherow, Ricard Fena, Mauritio Albot,
 Mil' & Alderman, Henrico Garway, Rowlando Back
 house Aldermannis; Willielmo Adon Mil', & Baronetto,
 ac Aldermanno, Humphrido Smith & Edmundo Wright,
 ejusdem Civitatis Aldermannis; Anthony Abdy & Ro
 berto Cambel, ejusdem Civitat Vicecom, ac major parte
 Communiar de Communi Concilio ejusdem Civitat
 assemblat, ubi tunc & ibidem Enactitat fuit, prout se
 quitur.

Whereas an Act of Council
 made the fifth Day of May
 in the Thirty fourth Year of
 the Reign of our late Sobe
 reign Lady Queen Elizabeth, of
 England, &c. in the time of the Mayoralty of Sir
 William Webb, Kt. deceased; one Act was made
 and ordained, for touching and concerning the
 Choice, Election and Confirmation of the Sher
 riffs of this City, and the County of Middlesex.
 And whereas also divers other Acts of Com
 mon Council have been made touching the same,
 Be it therefore Enacted by the Lord Mayor,
 Aldermen and Common Council of this City,
 That the said Act made the said fifth Day
 of May in the four and thirtieth Year afore
 said, and all other the said Acts made touch
 ing or concerning the Choice, Election and
 Confirmation of the Sheriffs of this City and
 County of Middlesex, shall be void and of none ef

fect, for that the same Labors have not taken so good Effect as might be wished, by reason that the Penalties and Forfeitures therein contained, have been over-mild, and thereby His Majesties Service have been in Danger of Prejudice, and the good Citizens of this City, by reason of often Refusal of the said Office of Shrievalty have been much troubled and disquieted; For better Reformation whereof, Be it now therefore Enacted, Ordained and Established by the Lord Mayor, and Aldermen and Commons in this Common Council Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from henceforth for ever the Day as well for Confirmation and Allowance of such Persons as hereafter shall be Chosen and Elected by the Lord Mayor of this City for the time being, to be Sheriffs of the said City and County of Middlesex; as also for the Choice and Election of such other Persons as by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons shall be Chosen to be Sheriffs of the said City and County of Middlesex, shall be yearly holden on the Four and twentieth Day of June; And if it shall happen by the Death or Refusal of any of the said Person or Persons so to be Chosen or Elected, as aforesaid, or by the Death of any Shreibe of this City, Departing in the time of his Shrievalty, or upon any other Occasion whatsoever, there shall be just Cause to make a New Election; then the same shall from time to time be at such Day and Time, as by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, shall be Ordered and Appointed; And that no Freeman of the said City, so
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to be Chosen or Elected, as is aforesaid, shall be Discharged or Exempted from the Execution of the said Office of Shrievalty by Supposition or Excuse of Defect, or Insufficiency of Wealth, except he will voluntarily take his Corporal Oath before the Lord Mayor and greater part of the Aldermen, in open Court of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, That he then is not of the Value of Ten Thousand Pounds in Lands, Goods and sperate Debts, and do likewise bring with him Six other Citizens, Freemen of the same City, of good Credit and Reputation, such as the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, shall allow, who shall likewise voluntarily testifie upon their corporal Oaths, That in their Consciences they believe, that the said Person so to be chosen or elected Sheriff, hath Deposed and Sworn truly concerning his Value, as is aforesaid: And it is likewise Ordained and Enacted by the same Authority, That if any Person, being a Freeman of this City shall be Chosen or Elected Sheriff of the same City and County of Middlesex, and Publication thereof by open Proclamation being made in the Guildhall in the place where the Court of Hustings is usually holden in the Presence of the Lord Mayor and Six Aldermen for the time being (at the least) or in the Absence of the said Lord Mayor, then in the Presence of Eight Aldermen of the said City for the time being (at the least) And being called to come forth and give his Consent to take the said Office of Shrievalty upon him, shall not personally appear before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for the time

being, in the Inner Chamber of the Guild-hall aforesaid, at the next Court there to be holden (unless he have such reasonable Excuse as the Lord Mayor and greater part of the Aldermen for the time being, shall in open Court allow) and then and there become bounden to the Chamberlain of the same City, for the time being, and his Successors by his Deed Obligatory, in the Sum of One thousand Pounds, with Condition, That if he shall personally appear in the Publick Assembly in the Guild-hall of the same City on the Vigil of St. Michael the Arch-Angel then next following at the Time in that behalf accustomed, and then and there take upon him the Office and Charge of Shrievalty of the said City and County, That then the said Obligation shall be void ; Or if such Person so to be chosen or elected, shall, before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen openly declare his Refusal to take upon him the said Office, Then every such Person which shall make such Default in Appearance, or which shall not become bounden, or which shall declare his Refusal, as aforesaid, shall Forfeit the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds of Lawful Money of England to the Mayor and Commonalty of the same City, to be Employed to the Uses hereafter declared and expressed, unless he shall be duly discharged of the said Office of Shrievalty, for Want or Defect of Ability in Wealth, upon Oath taken, as is aforesaid. Provided nevertheless, and Be it Enacted, Ordained and Established by the Authority aforesaid, (any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding) That if the Person so to be chosen or elected, and making Default in

in appearing, or denying to become Bounden, or that shall declare his Refusal, as aforesaid, shall be an Alderman of this City at the time of his Choice or Election, then every such Alderman so to be chosen or elected, shall Forfeit the Sum of Six hundred Marks, of Lawful Money of England, to the Mayor and Commonalty of the same City, to be implored to the Uses hereafter in this Act Declared and Expressed. All which Forfeitures or Penalties shall be recovered by Action, or Bill of Debt Original, to be commenced and prosecuted in any the Courts of Record of the King's Majesty, or his Heirs and Successors, within the said City; And that the same Person or Persons so Offending, or Refusing, after such Forfeiture, shall nevertheless remain Eligible yearly afterward to be Sheriff of the said City and County, as if he or they had never been before Chosen or Elected to the said Office. Provided also, and it is likewise Enacted and Declared, touching the Uses and Imployment of the said Forfeitures, That if any such Default or Forfeiture shall be made, as aforesaid, by any Person that shall first in any Year be Chosen or Elected by the Lord Mayor for the time being, to be Shrieve of the City of London, and County of Middlesex, That then One hundred Pounds, parcel of such Forfeitures, shall be given and bestowed upon such Person as shall first in the same Year accept to take upon him the said Office of Shrievalty: And if it shall happen after such Acceptation of the said Office, any other Forfeiture by Default or Refusal shall be made in the same Year by any person that shall be Chosen or Elected by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen

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and Commons, for the time being, to be Sheriff of the said City and County of Middlesex, That then One hundred Pounds parcel of such Forfeiture shall be given and bestowed upon such other Person as shall first after such Forfeiture in the same Year accept and take upon him the said Office of Shrievalty, being thereunto Elected and Chosen by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the same City; And that all the Residue of the same Forfeitures, and all other Forfeitures and Penalties for Refusal, or making Default to appear, denying to become Bound, or declaring Refusal to take the said Office of Shrievalty, as is aforesaid, shall be wholly and intirely Used and Employed to the only Use and Behalf of the Mayor, and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City; any Act, Law, or Ordinance to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Freeman of this City, which shall incur any Penalty or Forfeiture before declared, by Force of this Act, shall not within Three Months next after such Forfeiture incurred, well and truly pay unto the Chamberlain of the said City, for the time being, all such Penalties and Forfeitures to such Uses as in this Act is appointed and declared, That then every such Person failing of such Payment, shall, over and above the said Penalties and Forfeitures before declared, Forfeit and Lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds more to the Use of the said Mayor and Commonalty, to be Recovered in Form abovesaid. And to the intent that no Alderman of this City shall, in respect of Posteriority of Choice or Election to the said Office

Office of Shrievalty, be inferiour in Anciency or Preheminence to any Commoner, and for other good Considerations: It is therefore Enacted, That the Lord Mayor of the said City for the time being, shall not at any time hereafter choose or elect any Commoner of this City to be Sheriff of this City of London, and of the County of Middlesex, so long as there shall then be an Alderman of this City Eligible to the said Office; Any former Law, Custom, Usage, or other Matter whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding. And to the intent that the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of this City for the time being, shall not be burdened or charged with any Unkindness, nor pestered with Unfortunate Suits, if they shall refuse to relieve such Persons as shall make Default, or deny to become Bound, or refuse to Accept of the said Office of Shrievalty, as is aforesaid. And for other good Considerations, it is likewise Declared and Enacted, That the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of this City for the time being, have not, nor shall have Power nor Authority in any case, without the Assent of the Commoners in publick Common Council of this City first had and obtained, to Dispense with, Remit or Abate any of the said Forfeitures, or any part thereof, which at any time hereafter shall happen or grow Due by Force of this Act; nor to give Respite of Payment thereof, or of any part thereof, above the Term of One Year at the most; nor to give any Restraint or Delay of Suit to be commenced and prosecuted for Recovery thereof.

Goodfellow.

Commune Concilium tent' in Camera Guibald' Civitat'
 L O N D O N, die *Veneris* decimo quinto die *Junij*
 1694. Annoq; Regni Dom' *Willielmi* & Dom' *Mariæ* nunc
 Regis & Regina, *Angl*, &c. Sexto, Coram *Will' Asb-*
hurst Mil' Major' dictæ Civitatis, *Roberto Clayton Mil'*,
Patienc' Ward Mil', *Will' Pritchard Mil'*, *Roberto*
Jeffreys Mil', *Thoma Lane Mil'*, *Edvardo Clark Mil'*,
Francisco Child Mil', *Richardo Levett Mil'*, *Thoma Cook*
Mil' Alderman, & *Thoma Abney Mil'*, & *Will' Hedges*
Mil' Vic' & Alderman dict' Civitat', nec non major'
 parte Communiar' dictæ Civitat' in eodem Communi
 Concilio tunc & ibidem assemblat'.

Whereas by a Clause in an Act
 of Common Council made the
 Twentieth Day of July, in the
 Seventh Year of the Reign
 of King CHARLES the First,
 in the Mayoralty of Sir Robert Ducey, It was
 amongst other things Enacted in the Words
 following, That the Lord Mayor of this City,
 for the time being, shall not at any time here-
 after choose or elect any Commoner of this
 City to be Sheriff of the City of London, and
 of the County of Middlesex, so long as there
 shall then be an Alderman of the City Eligible
 to the said Office.

Which said Clause, in respect of Accidents
 or Circumstances, may not at all times be conve-
 nient to be practised.

And whereas by another Clause in an Act
 of Common Council, made the Sixth Day of
 June, in the Thirty fifth Year of King Charles
 the Second, in the Mayoralty of Sir William
 Pritchard, Knight; It was amongst other things
 Enacted in the Words following, That the
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Person who shall be Nominated and Elected according to ancient Usage by the Lord Mayor of this City, for the time being, to be one of the Sheriffs of the City of London, and County of Middlesex, and such Election shall be declared to the Commons of the said City assembled in Common Hall upon the Twenty fourth day of June, shall there by the said Commons be confirmed and allowed to be one of the Sheriffs of the said City and County accordingly: And that upon proposing the said Person to be confirmed to the said Common Hall, in case any Hands shall be holden up in token of Confirmation, the said Person shall be taken to be confirmed and allowed, and then another Person shall be chosen by majority of Hands to be the other of the said Sheriffs, and to joyn with him that shall be so confirmed.

Which said Clause being not only repugnant to Reason, but contrary to the Rules and Methods of Elections:

Be it therefore Enacted by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons in Common Council Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said several Clauses before-recited, and either of them, and every Article and Thing contained in them, or either of them, shall be, and are hereby Repealed, Annulled and made Void.

And whereas by several Acts of Common Council, the Election of Sheriffs, Chamberlain, Bridgmasters and Auditors of the Chamberlain and Bridghouse-Accounts, and Aleconners, are appointed on Midsummer-day yearly, except the Sheriff or Sheriffs, Chamberlain, or

other of the said Officers, for the time being, shall die, or for just Cause be removed : And whereas in some years (as in this present year) Midsummer-day happeneth to fall on the Lords Day, commonly called Sunday, which ought to be kept holy, and is a necessary and required part of the Service of God, and enjoined by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm ;

Be it therefore Enacted and Declared, That from henceforth, whensoever Midsummer-day shall happen to be on the Lords Day, commonly called Sunday, That the Election of the Sheriffs, Chamberlain, Bridgmasters, Auditors of the Chamberlain and Bridghouse-Accounts, and Aleconners shall be on the Day next following, any Act or Acts, or any other Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

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